Foreign colloborations

607. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign collaboration approvals has declined, while the financial component of the collaborations registered a rise during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has approved 1024, 957 and 853 proposals for foreign collaboration during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 respectively. Out of these 238, 240 and 242 proposals involved financial participation by foreign companies in the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 respectively.

(b) As approvals are in response to the proposals made hence, no projection is possible.

Offer of Services by an NRI firm for promotion of Indo-US Joint ventures

608. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the MINISTER OF INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that globetrottens Enginneering Corporation a non-resident Indian firm, has offered its services in promoting joint ventures and technical tie-ups between Indian and U.S. industries; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of Government to this offer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No such offer from M|s. Globerotters Engieering Corporation has been received in Ministry of Industry.

Present position of Agro-Pepsi tie up

609. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 86 and Unstarred question 590 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state.

(a) what is the stage in which Agro Products Exports India Pvt. Ltd. proposals to tie up with Pepsi Co. is presently pending;

(b) whether the soft drink have indigenised trade name or foreign trade name; if so, details thereof;

(c) what will be the perentage of soft drink ingredients to be imported under the proposal; and

(d) by when the soft drink concentrate will be indigenised and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The application made by Agro Products Export India Pvt. Ltd., in 1985 for foreign collaboration with Pepsico Incorporated of U.S.A. was rejected in 1985.

(b) to (d) M|s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation have stated that foreign brand names will not be used for the soft drinks propoed to be manufactured by them and that the soft drink concentrates will be manufactured indigenously. They have

also stated that at full capacity, the import of raw materials for the manufacture of soft drink concentrates will be Rs. 3.2 crores per annum against the turnover of over Rs. 15 crores.

Import of raw material under 'Punjab Agro Pepsi Project'

610. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the quantum of import of raw material under Punjab Agro-Pepsi Project during the first five years;

(b) whether this import will take place under REP licence;

(c) whether Punjab Agro- Pepsi export back goods equivalent of value of imports of soft drink concentrate made every year; and

(d) if the 'answer to part (c) above be in the negative' reasons for the same and also the terms under which the import and export will take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The project proposal envisages import of raw material for a value of Rs. 8.60 crores during the first 5 years of production. Import of raw marerials will be governed by the Import Policy in force from time to time.

(c) and (d) Punjab Agro Industries Corporation have offered an export obligation of 50 per cent of their total turn.over of the project for a period of 10 years, which is estimated to earn about Rs. 194 crores in foreign exchange. As against this, the outgo of foregn. exchange over the same period on account of import of tech. cal know.how, machinery and raw materials is estimated at 32 crores. The Corporation has stated that the export obligation will be guaranteed by execution of bonds as required by the Government.

Industries hit due to shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh

611. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of industries have been hit their production have come down due to the shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of such industries which have been badly hit as a result thereof;

(c) how far their production has been affected; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Details of industries hit by power shortage in Andhra Pradesh are not available. However production in some industries registered a decline; particularly Cement industry has been hit hard by the shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) CSO does not compile Statewise index of industrial production. This Ministry also does not